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Prior application:

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REQUEST FOR A CONTINUING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) a  
(X) continuation application of:  
( ) divisional application of:

Pending Prior Application

Application No. 10/251,143 filed 20 SEPT 2002

Title Methods and Apparatus for Securing Electrical Connectors

Name of applicant(s) Steven Heidenreich et al.

Copy of Application

(X) Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the drawings.  
( ) Enclosed is a new specification, including new drawings.

Oath or Declaration

(X) Enclosed is a copy of the prior Declaration (37 CFR 1.63(d)).  
( ) Enclosed is a newly executed Declaration (original or copy).

Foreign Priority - 35 USC 119

( ) Foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 has been claimed in prior Application No. \_\_\_\_\_  
filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_

( ) The certified copy has been filed in prior Application No. \_\_\_\_\_  
filed \_\_\_\_\_

( ) A separate paper claiming direct priority to a foreign application is enclosed herewith. A certified copy of the foreign application will be provided in due course.

Relate Back - 35 USC 120

(X) Amend the specification after the title by inserting the following heading:

--Cross Reference To Related Application(s)--;

and add the paragraph:

--This is a (X) continuation ( ) divisional

of copending application number 10/251,143 filed on 20 SEPT 2002

which is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

Inventorship Statement

Delete the following named individuals as inventors in this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.53(b) as a result of a change in the claimed subject matter:

Applicant's Associate Attorney

Recognize as Associate Attorney or Agent \_\_\_\_\_

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- ( ) authorization is hereby granted by signature below of the Attorney or Agent of record  
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Other Amendments

(X) Before calculating the filing fee, amend the prior application as follows:

(X) Cancel the following claims **1-23 and 28-34** of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes).

(X) Enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment.

Fee Calculation

(X) The filing fee is calculated below for (X) Utility ( ) Design

CLAIMS AS FILED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY				
(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) TOTALS
TOTAL CLAIMS	4 — 20	0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1 — 3	0	X \$84	\$ 0
ANY MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS	0		\$280	\$ 0
BASIC FEE: Design ( \$330.00 ); Utility ( \$750.00 )				\$ 750
TOTAL FILING FEE				\$ 750
TOTAL CHARGES TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT				\$ 750

Charge \$ 750 to Deposit Account 08-2025. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any over payment to Deposit Account 08-2025 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. Additionally please charge any fees to Deposit Account 08-2025 under 37 CFR 1.16 through 1.21 inclusive, and any other sections in Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations that may regulate fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,  
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